

St. Paul's Waccamaw Methodist Church Newsletter

January 16, 2025

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany**

Sunday morning

01/19/2025

Week 3 of 6 week series "All In"

Lead Pastor J.R. Virgin

Will present the sermon

**All In: Prayer**

8:45 a.m. Traditional (Sanctuary) and 11:00 a.m. Modern (Berly Hall)

Preaching Pastor Len Kircher

**All In: Prayer**

11:15 a.m. Traditional Service (Sanctuary)

For information about Sunday Worship Service go to the website page

<https://spwmethodist.org/sunday-worship-services/>.

The 8:45 am and 11:00 am services will be live streamed via the church's YouTube channel.

The link to our YouTube channel is:

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC2\\_rB7vyTH5FmKjYMKILTSg](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC2_rB7vyTH5FmKjYMKILTSg)

You can only see the livestream from YouTube.

The recorded services for 8:45 am and 11:00 am will be available on our Sermons webpage

<http://spwmethodist.org/sermons/> following each Service as well as on

YouTube. They will be shared with the church Facebook friends later.

**Sermon Text: Ephesians 6:10-20 (NIV)**

10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. 11 Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. 12 For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. 13 Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. 14 Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, 15 and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. 16 In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. 17 Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

18 And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people. 19 Pray also for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, 20 for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should.

### **Message From Pastor JR**

Week two of the "All In" sermon series brings us to the idea of being all into scripture. Being scriptural is the first core value of St. Paul's Waccamaw Methodist Church. Scripture is the primary way that we learn about God and how to best follow Him faithfully in our lives. But simply knowing the Bible is not enough. We must invite the Holy Spirit into our reading of scripture so that we not only know what is in the Bible, but we also know how to apply it to our lives. In the scripture we heard this Sunday, Jesus was in the desert being tempted by Satan. Each time Jesus was tempted He responded to the temptation with scripture. Paul tells us in Ephesians that the Bible is the sword used to fight our battles and in Hebrews tells us that it is sharper than any double-edged sword. Another promise of the Bible is that temptation and persecution will come our way when we commit ourselves to following Christ, making it even more important that we armed for the battles we will face. Let us be committed to growing deeper through the Word of God, so that we can be equipped with the sword to fight the battle against evil and temptation in our lives.

The Best of All Is...God Is With Us!

Pastor J.R.

### **Message from Charles Estabrook, Trustee Chairperson**

With the activity and excitement and growth of activities throughout the church, a primary set of projects for the Trustees is focused on the improvements to the meeting and classrooms in the Christian Life Center and in the Admin Building.

The areas of updating for all those rooms, has and will continue until finished, are:

1. Ceiling Tiles
2. Lighting

3. Painting
4. Shades
5. Tables

The desire is to have welcoming places for the smaller group worshipping opportunities to take place. The kitchen, restrooms and choir practice room have also received some updates as well.

This past weekend a painting working session was scheduled and volunteers requested. Saturday morning 15 volunteers showed up ready for a chance for fellowship. Two rooms in the Admin Building upstairs were painted as well as shelves for one of the children's classrooms. In CLC, room 305, Truthseekers room, all walls and trim were painted.

**The important thing is that the painting became secondary to the great time and fellowship the volunteers had together doing God's work. They took a break and enjoyed lunch. Getting to know each other was fun.**

**If you see any of these 15 volunteers, please tell them thank you.**

Leah Gutehurst  
Peggy Holman  
Tim White  
Carnice Lambert  
Duncan Rogers  
Martha Allen  
Shane Foster  
Valerie Alexander  
Bob Carson  
Fred Harris  
Brenda Harmon  
Pam Carson  
Nancy Jobe  
Jim Richardson  
Gene Posey

There will be another painting session planned in the reasonable future to complete the other 4 rooms in the Christian Life Center - Joy, WINGS, Discovery and potentially the McGirt Room being used for Handbells. Look for the request for volunteers and join another opportunity for fun and fellowship while doing God's work.

**Weekly Bible Reading:**

Jan 19: Gen 22-24  
Jan 20: Gen 25-26  
Jan 21: Gen 27-29  
Jan 22: Gen 30-31  
Jan 23: Gen 32-34

Jan 24: Gen 35-37

Jan 25: Gen 38-40

### **Our Faithfulness Sunday, January 12, 2025**

8:45 Service 163; on line viewers 123 (as of 1/14/2025); 11:00 Service 145; on line viewers 181 (as of 1/14/2025); 11:15 Service 49; Sunday School 96

**The Sunday School Classes will meet January 19, 2025, at 10:00 TE: The Friendship Class, Youth Building, New Sunday School class called the Truth Seekers, Room 305 in the CLC Building.**

**Note: 2024 Contribution Statements will be available for pickup on Sundays, January 19 and January 26. The statements will be in the Narthex and Berly Hall. They will be in alphabetical order.”**

**Sunday, January 26th:** There will be a new Sunday School class for youth and young adults which will meet in the Discovery Room in the CLC during the 10am Sunday School hour. Pastor Len Kircher and Pastor J. R. Virgin will be leading.

### **ALL IN**

**Men “N” Ministry** - To help men grow in Christ, so others may know Christ. When A man lives daily in surrendered Faith, GOD is honored and many lives are blessed.

If you are looking to grow in your Faith and serve St Paul's Waccamaw Methodist Church, join us for the first meeting at 6:30pm, Feb 11, 2025, Discovery Classroom.

ALL IN

Ken Sizemore

843-446-5057

### **e-Giving – How to Start e-Giving and How to Update Transactions**

Thank you for using e-Giving to electronically deliver your donations to the church.

If you are new to the church, or want to start using e-Giving, you can sign up today for e-giving. Start by going to <http://www.spwmethodist.org/> web page and clicking “Online Giving” at the top right of the home page. On the next page you will see a link that provides recently updated instructions on how to sign up and make your donations ([e\\_Giving Donation Information an Instructions](#)). You can print these instructions or review them online to setup your e-Giving donation and account.

For those who already use e-Giving, a **reminder** that you may need to update your e-Giving account if you changed your pledge amount for 2025. If this applies to you, the short guidance is to login to your e-Giving account and edit your profile information. You can update your donation amount, payment method and next transaction date. Be sure to save your changes.

Please feel free to call or email me with questions or to get assistance. You can reach me at 703-786-0670 (cell). Church email address: treasurer@spwmethodist.org

With love and blessings,

Dave Streeter  
St. Paul's Waccamaw Methodist Church Treasurer

## **Chili—Super Bowl Sunday**

Please see the insert in the bulletin this coming Sunday to sign up for the Chili—Super Bowl Sunday. **Orders can be placed January 5—February 2** and will be available for pick up on **Saturday, February 8 from 10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.** in Berly Hall. Proceeds will be used toward the principal of the disaffiliation loan.

**Pint of Chili \$5**

**2pcs. Cornbread \$1**

## **SAMARITAN'S PURSE OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**

The St. Paul's Methodist Women's Group would like to increase the boxes we are donating to this mission, in addition to the boxes packed on an individual basis. To do that we are asking you, the congregation, to participate in the year-round giving program we are launching in February. We will have containers in the Narthax and in Berly Hall on **the first Sunday** of each month. **The first collection date will be Sunday, February 2.** Listed below are the **suggested items** for February. We will post in the newsletter and bulletin the month before what we will be collecting for the following month. Please remember items need to be the size to fit in a shoebox. Please join us with your donations so St. Paul's Waccamaw Methodist Church can reach our goal of 400 boxes in November!!

**FEBRUARY** – Small hand tools & work gloves for older boys; sewing kits and accessories (buttons, safety pins, Velcro, fabric, scissors) for older girls; wooden cooking spoons, flashlights (windup or extra batteries), fishing kits (Ages 10-14)

**NO CAMO OR ANYTHING THAT LOOKS LIKE WAR. NO SOAP, TOOTHPASTE, LIQUIDS, LOTIONS, AEROSOL CANS, CANDY OR GUM.**

If you have questions, contact Patty Younts at 843-902-9304 or Donna Schmidt 843-222-6827

**NOTE: Please turn off coffee pots, lights and make sure doors are locked when you leave the building.**

### Name Tags

If you ordered a new name tag, please pick up yours this coming Sunday at the 8:45 a.m. or 11:00 a.m. service. If you did not order a name tag, and would like one, please fill out the little sign up sheet that will be provided on the table near the name tags and place it in the offering plate. **A Big Thank You to Juanita Matos for printing the Name Tags!!**

### Our Little Garden Child Care

Our Little Garden Child Care at the early service will be open upon request or your child can sit with you in the service. Please notify one of the ushers. We are excited to nurture your little one's faith with God's love. If you would like to volunteer helping in the Nursery, please let Pam Carson know.

### Church Website Update

We are in the process of updating our church website and repairing links which are not working. Also, if you have any suggestions for our web site or you notice pages which need to be updated, please contact Fred Harris at 856-381-5951 or [fharris39@gmail.com](mailto:fharris39@gmail.com)

Thank you so much,  
Fred Harris

### LIVE STREAMING AVAILABLE

**Reminder that live streaming of our services are available on YouTube especially during inclement weather.**

### Decals

If you need to replace your decal because it is fading, please stop by the Church Office and we will give you a replacement.

**Counseling:** on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 10am-1pm, there will be a counselor available by appointment. If you are in need of someone to talk with, this is a great opportunity to speak with an accredited professional, free of charge. Please contact Fran Keller at 843-833-3980 with any questions or to schedule an appointment.

### Church Flower Calendar for 2025

You can email the office or call the office to start signing up for the Church Flower Calendar for 2025. This is a good way to honor someone, celebrate an anniversary, birthday, etc. on Sunday mornings.

### Building a Walkway Brick by Brick Project

The walkway will be called **“We Walk by Faith”**

The Church is now undertaking the building of a memorial brick walkway to the site of the Jesus, The Teacher Statue and Flower Garden.

### **We need your help!**

We are asking you to support us and purchase a beautifully engraved grey brick to pave the way to the statue and garden.

Dedicate your personalized brick to honor or memorialize loved ones. The bricks will be placed in the walkway as a lifetime reminder that will be seen by current and future members of the Church.

***Please make sure your email address is on the order form so that you can receive the virtual brick illustration.***

### **Bible Studies:**

**The Men's Bible Study** meets every Thursday at 8:00 a.m. in the Youth Building. Led by Bruce Stelow.

### **Committee Meetings & Work of the Church:**

**New class**, **Wesleyan Way towards Wholeness**, Tuesdays at 6 pm, Discovery classroom.

### **THE REAL HEAVEN! Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. Youth Building**

Heaven is a hot topic on today's bestseller lists. But what does the Bible tell us about the afterlife? What happens the moment after we die? And what will our redeemed relationships be like? Ingram digs into Scripture to reveal what God wants us to know about the hereafter—and how it affects our decisions today. **If you would like to sign up** or for more information **contact John Finnical – [jrfinnical@gmail.com](mailto:jrfinnical@gmail.com)**

### **New Bible Study:**

The unique Bible study **Experiencing the Heart of Jesus** by Max Lucado will help build a deep relationship with our Savior. For 52-weeks, we will step into Christ's presence and experience grace, forgiveness, love and prayer. Thursdays at 10:00 in the Youth Building. For more information contact Gay Kelly.

**Finance meeting**, Tuesday, January 21, 2025, 2:00 p.m., Discovery Classroom.

**Church Council**, Monday, January 27, 2025, 2:00 p.m., Youth Building.

**Mary & Martha Fellowship**, Wednesday, January 29, 2025, 9:00 a.m., Youth Building.

**ALL IN**, meeting, Tuesday, February 11, 2025, 6:30 p.m., Discovery Classroom.

**Brief Charge Conference** immediately following the 8:45 a.m. worship service, Sunday, January 26, 2025. All are welcome to attend but only members of St. Paul's Waccamaw Church have a vote.

**Annual Endowment Dinner**, Sunday, February 23, 2025, 5:00 p.m., Berly Hall.

**Myrtle Beach Pelican game**, Tuesday, May 6, 2025, 6:35 p.m.. For details see Bob Maffa or Gene Posey.

**The Golf Committee has announced a tentative date for the Church Golf tournament** Wednesday June 11, at Wachesaw East Golf Course, with a rain date of Wednesday June 18.....We are also looking for volunteers for all committees....Contact Bill Alexander 803-448-7461 or Gene Posey 803-315-0191 for more information.

### **Chancel Choir Practice**

Handbells meet Wednesdays at 5:00 p.m.

Chancel Choir meet Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

### **Students in the Word**

Students in the Word meet 7:30 a.m. – 2:45 p.m., Mon. – Thursday (old Friendship & wings classrooms) and Friday in the Youth Building.

### **AA**

AA meets Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday at 7:00 p.m. in the Joy Classroom.

District 82 AA, every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month, 7:00 p.m. in the Joy Classroom.

*Please let me know if I need to remove, change, or add to the following Prayer, Birthday or Anniversary list. Also, if you have a meeting coming up or an event or event article that needs to go in the newsletter, please email me at the*

*Church Office: [office@spwmethodist.org](mailto:office@spwmethodist.org)*

*Thank you, Alice*

### **Prayer Concerns/Church Family & Friends**

Susan Walters

Eva Baxter

Mark Lange

Linda Chevine

Yvonne Moran

Dan Wetsel

Bob Maffa

Jann Bullock

Jan Estabrook

Amylou Antes

The family of Herb Herrman

The family of Anna Marie Barrie

Alexandra Pappas (Angela and Travis Bass daughter)

Connie Corriher (Jan Estabrook's sister-cancer returned)

Somchai (Nan Black's father)

Sheila Gryder (Jan Estabrook's cousin)



Carmen Barnard (a friend of Steve Staton)  
 Liz Dallago (Bob Lawrence's daughter)  
 Mark Merolla (Leslie Hare's friend)  
 April (Rachel Shumaker's great great niece)  
 Allie Johnson (Age 7, 2 types of leukemia)  
 Sheila Baxter (daughter in law of Eva Baxter)  
 Ryan Heck (a friend of Betty & Henry Jobe)  
 Rosemary Beaver (a friend of Keri Geddings)  
 Ashley Calhoun (Karen Calhoun's nephew's wife)  
 George Schmidt (Colleen Welch's dad)  
 Anne Miller (a friend of Phillip and Peggy Cusick)  
 Linda Boswell (Sandy Thompson's sister)  
 Billy McGill (son of Carolyn McGill)  
 Michael Williams (Nancy Hall's son)  
 Corby & Brian Kennison (friends of Peggy & Phillip Cusick)  
 Rick Bruce (a friend of Peggy & Phillip Cusick)  
 A friend of – did not want to name (Peggy & Phillip Cusick)  
 (Susan) Marie Beaver (Carl) Jim Richardson (Betsy) (friends of Jon Stuckey)  
 Denise (a friend of Harriet and David Moore)  
 Vicki Medlin (a cousin of JD & Sandi Whitmire)  
 Stephen Johnston (son of Ron & Ruth Johnston)  
 Sue Hawkins (a friend of JD & Sandi Whitmire)  
 Roxanna Earp (daughter of Nancy Wetsel)  
 Tracy (a friend of Leslie Hare)  
 Marnie Heck (a friend of Henry & Betty Jobe)  
 Robert "Bobby" Nave (James & Leslie Hare's cousin)  
 Garvin Gilley  
 Johanna Morrison  
 Tina Kolb (a close friend of James & Leslie Hare)  
 Diana (a friend of John & Nancy Hall)  
 Eva (a friend of Janis & Mark Lange; missing)  
 Dan Litton (a friend of JD Whitmire)  
 Carolee Bryant  
 George Leyendecker's sister  
 Sarah Wilson (Jan Estabrook's friend)  
 Sue Panos  
 Ofelia and Jorge Beltran (friends with JD and Sandi Whitmire)  
 Kerry Lennard (friend of Keith Black)  
 Milia Black (Keith Black's mother)  
 Judy Ellis

**January Birthdays**

Daniel Wetsel	1/09
Karol Anderson	01/10
Terry Stephens	01/12
Austin Rowell	01/14
Ann Hammond	01/16

Karen Calhoun	01/19
Rachel Shumaker	01/19
Michele Sizemore	01/19
Bob Welch	01/20
Scott Homan	01/21
Valerie Alexander	01/22
Donald Marsh, Jr.	01/23
Helen Black	01/26
Ro Johnson	01/27
Liz Knorr	01/27
Jeff Rowell	01/27
Jason Walters	01/27
Heather Jordan	01/28
Mareo Lardi	01/30
Linda Chevine	01/31
Pink Kellett	01/31
Al Sirmon	01/31

**January Anniversaries**

James & Selma Piver	01/11
Robert & Rebecca Archambeau	01/14
Bill & Anne Marie Hoyle	01/17
Don & Janell Lerche	01/21
Robert & Darlene Duchene	01/28